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STATE PROGRAM BEING FILLED.

The Committee on Scientific Program wishes to remind authors who are to read papers at the next annual meeting, which is to be held in Santa Barbara the third week in April, that titles and synopses *must be in the hands of the Secretary by March 1st*. Because of the absence of many of the members of the Society who have been connected with the Service, and because of the great stress of work which has resulted from the prevailing epidemic of influenza, the Committee this year suspended its former ruling that all titles and synopses be in the hands of the Secretary by January 1st. Remember the dates—April 15, 16, 17.

The ruling that all authors must deliver to the Chairman of the Section before which his paper is read, a copy of said paper *before reading*, will be strictly adhered to and the members are requested to bear this ruling in mind and govern themselves accordingly.

Among the topics to be considered will be group alignment, specialists' fees, civil reconstruction and rehabilitation, later treatment of empyema, lung surgery, influenza, and other timely subjects.

Kindly forward titles and synopses as soon as possible to the Secretary, Robert A. Peers, Colfax, California. Dr. Peers has returned from his work with the Red Cross in France and resumed his position as Secretary of the Program Committee.

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INFLUENZA CONTROL.

Medical literature is full of the subject. It has been discussed at length in every possible association where people gather. The daily press heralds its dangers and new advances. The death lists grow. The new cases are still rising. We have accumulated an enormous mass of information. We have certain definite epidemiological facts. We have discussed it from every conceivable aspect, and have neglected but one aspect. Regardless of what the "sure-cures" and quacks prate; regardless of the pet fancies of the Eddyites and others of the self-styled mental ilk; regardless of effects on business, on pleasure, on the churches, on the tourists; regardless of everything, we are face to face with the one essential aspect of the question which we have heretofore neglected. Influenza must be wiped out. How do it? By thorough-going measures which look solely to that goal and are not concerned with the secondary issues of which some have been enumerated. Universal compulsory masking, strict quarantine of cases, prevention of public assemblage and all indoor gatherings, clean persons and cities, education in personal hygiene—these are our effective line of campaign. Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer of San Francisco, demonstrated what a forewarned, efficient and fearless sanitarian can do when he is given a chance. May he and the health officers of the state be given free hand to prosecute a campaign directed solely to wiping out influenza. It is time to keep politics in abeyance and every issue subordinate to this one objective.